

Bloomington Community Band  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 27, 2023

Chair Richard VanArsdel called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. at Bloomington Free Methodist Church.

Members Present:

Richard VanArsdel, Chair  
Richard Denning, Manager/Vice Chair  
Dan Beeker, Treasurer  
Gretchen Weber, Secretary  
Don Talbott, Webmaster  
Tim Bitzer, Personnel  
Jenn Strayer, Librarian  
Phyllis Solnzeff, Historian  
Jenny Smith, Publicity

Members Absent:

Dom Thompson, Director  
Joe Car, Associate Director  
Ron Hardesty, Assistant Treasurer

I. Standing Agenda Items:

- A. Minutes: January minutes were approved.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Dan presented a detailed report. He emphasized that downward trends may occur and that the Foundation monies show a \$23K reduction. He also contemplates adjusting money market investments to take advantage of current interest rates.

II. Old Business:

- A. Association of Concert Bands: It was noted that this expense covers royalties.
- B. Library maintenance: Up to date with the exception of a few folders, as reported by Jenn. She thanked those who helped.
- C. Meeting schedule: Board meetings, social nights, and section leader meetings were approved via email vote as follows:
  - 2nd Monday - Social (rotation yet to be assigned by Richard, beginning April 17)
  - 3rd Monday - Section Leaders Meeting
  - 4th Monday - Board MeetingBand members have been notified.
- D. Equipment manager: these duties will continue to be handled by Richard V.
- E. Donor thank-yous: Tim has finished sending letters to donors.
- F. Web page redesign: Don explained the need to replace the obsolete design. A motion was made, seconded, and agreed to for the formation of a committee to decide on

criteria for a new design. Don will form a Web Design Committee. Timeline for the committee's work: 3 months

- G. Attendance tracking: Tim has implemented plans for section leaders to track and report attendance to him. Section sizes for rehearsals and concerts are to fall within Dom's recommended numbers.

### III. New Business:

- A. Insurance: completed
- B. Section leader for trumpets: Doug McDaniel
- C. Tri Kappa grant proposal: tabled until April
- D. Trailer license renewal: completed
- E. Forms 990-N and 1099-NEC: completed
- F. Mailbox renewal: completed
- G. PA system: After discussion, it was decided to use the current system and to revisit this if it proves inadequate in certain venues.
- H. Nursing home performances: Space constraints for indoor performances render performance impractical for the full band. Section leaders may be asked to appoint members for these performances in order to scale down the ensemble. Dom will be consulted about numbers of players from each section, but a committee is not needed.
- I. Band community forum: Joe has suggested an open forum. After discussion, it was decided to continue to rely on the year-end survey, as an open forum with a group this large could be rather chaotic.
- J. Other new business:
  - 1. Brochures are to be printed by White Rabbit, basing the need on the number printed last year, for distribution at concerts. Affiliate groups will also need a supply. Jenny will handle this.
  - 2. Trombone members asked that chair setup facilitate using their slides.

### IV. Officers' Reports:

- A. Secretary: Gretchen and Dan will keep the ads spreadsheet up to date. Jenny will coordinate with advertisers. Care must be taken to avoid selling the same ad space to more than one advertiser. Don will send the link to the ads pricing document to the whole band.
- B. Treasurer: Covered under Old Business.
- C. Personnel:
  - 1. Two oboes attended last rehearsal but not tonight. Jenn will encourage them.
  - 2. Directory information collected by Tim includes home addresses. Privacy concerns were discussed. Tim will note on the member cards that this information is optional.
- D. Historian: Phyllis asked about followup contacts on "unexcused" absences.
- E. Equipment: Covered earlier.
- F. Librarian: Jenn plans to bring a "shoebox" for band members to request missing parts.

G. Publicity: Jenny attended the Arts Council meeting. Bloom and the Herald Tribune will include performance schedules. Bloom expressed interest in the group.

H. Web Master: Covered earlier

I. Vice Chair: Richard reported the schedule is almost done. McCormick's Creek will be eliminated because the performance schedule is too full. Greenwood (August 26) is to be determined. Bell Trace (May 13) is to be eliminated due to schedule conflicts.

V. Director and Associate Director Comments: none

VI. Chair's Comments: noting that an effort is being made to keep meetings short, Richard called for additional business and, none appearing, adjourned the meeting at 10:03 p.m.